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H. R. 1348

AMENDMENT

In the Senate of the United States,

October 6 (legislative day, September 12), 1994.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1348) entitled “An Act to establish the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***TITLE I—QUINEBAUG AND***
2 ***SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY***
3 ***NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-***
4 ***RIDOR.***

5 ***SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.***

6 *This title may be cited as the “Quinebaug and*
7 *Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of*
8 *1994”.*

9 ***SEC. 102. FINDINGS.***

10 *The Congress finds that—*

11 *(1) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley*
12 *in the State of Connecticut is one of the last unspoiled*
13 *and undeveloped areas in the Northeastern United*
14 *States and has remained largely intact, including im-*
15 *portant aboriginal archaeological sites, excellent water*

1 *quality, beautiful rural landscapes, architecturally*
2 *significant mill structures and mill villages, and*
3 *large acreages of parks and other permanent open*
4 *space;*

5 *(2) the State of Connecticut ranks last among the*
6 *50 States in the amount of federally protected park*
7 *and open space lands within its borders and lags far*
8 *behind the other Northeastern States in the amount of*
9 *land set-aside for public recreation;*

10 *(3) the beautiful rural landscapes, scenic vistas*
11 *and excellent water quality of the Quinebaug and*
12 *Shetucket Rivers contain significant undeveloped rec-*
13 *reational opportunities for people throughout the*
14 *United States;*

15 *(4) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley*
16 *is within a two-hour drive of the major metropolitan*
17 *areas of New York City, Hartford, Providence,*
18 *Worcester, Springfield, and Boston. With the Presi-*
19 *dent's Commission on Americans Outdoors reporting*
20 *that Americans are taking shorter "closer-to-home"*
21 *vacations, the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley*
22 *represents important close-by recreational opportuni-*
23 *ties for significant population;*

24 *(5) the existing mill sites and other structures*
25 *throughout the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Val-*

1 *ley were instrumental in the development of the in-*
2 *dustrial revolution;*

3 *(6) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley*
4 *contains a vast number of discovered and unrecovered*
5 *Native American and colonial archaeological sites sig-*
6 *nificant to the history of North America and the*
7 *United States;*

8 *(7) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley*
9 *represents one of the last traditional upland farming*
10 *and mill village communities in the Northeastern*
11 *United States;*

12 *(8) the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley*
13 *played a nationally significant role in the cultural*
14 *evolution of the prewar colonial period, leading the*
15 *transformation from Puritan to Yankee, the “Great*
16 *Awakening” religious revival and early political de-*
17 *velopment leading up to and during the War of Inde-*
18 *pendence; and*

19 *(9) many local, regional and State agencies busi-*
20 *nesses, and private citizens and the New England*
21 *Governors’ Conference have expressed an overwhelm-*
22 *ing desire to combine forces: to work cooperatively to*
23 *preserve and enhance resources region-wide and better*
24 *plan for the future.*

1 **SEC. 103. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND**
2 **SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HER-**
3 **ITAGE CORRIDOR; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—There is hereby established in
5 the State of Connecticut the Quinebaug and Shetucket Riv-
6 ers Valley National Heritage Corridor.

7 (b) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this title to provide
8 assistance to the State of Connecticut, its units of local and
9 regional government and citizens in the development and
10 implementation of integrated cultural, historical, and rec-
11 reational land resource management programs in order to
12 retain, enhance, and interpret the significant features of the
13 lands, water, and structures of the Quinebaug and
14 Shetucket Rivers Valley.

15 **SEC. 104. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) *BOUNDARIES.*—The boundaries of the Corridor
17 shall include the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury,
18 Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Hamp-
19 ton, Killingly, Lebanon, Lisbon, Mansfield, Norwich, Plain-
20 field, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Scotland, Sprague, Ster-
21 ling, Thompson, Voluntown, Windham, and Woodstock. As
22 soon as practical after the date of enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a de-
24 tailed description and map of boundaries established under
25 this subsection.

1 **SEC. 105. STATE CORRIDOR PLAN.**

2 (a) *PREPARATION OF PLAN.*—Within two years after
3 the date of enactment of this title, the Governor of the State
4 of Connecticut is encouraged to develop a Cultural Heritage
5 and Corridor Management Plan. The plan shall be based
6 on existing Federal, State, and local plans, but shall coordi-
7 nate those plans and present a comprehensive historic pres-
8 ervation, interpretation, and recreational plan for the Cor-
9 ridor. The plan shall—

10 (1) *recommend non-binding advisory standards*
11 *and criteria pertaining to the construction, preserva-*
12 *tion, restoration, alteration and use of properties*
13 *within the Corridor, including an inventory of such*
14 *properties which potentially could be preserved, re-*
15 *stored, managed, developed, maintained, or acquired*
16 *based upon their historic, cultural or recreational sig-*
17 *nificance;*

18 (2) *develop an historic interpretation plan to in-*
19 *terpret the history of the Corridor;*

20 (3) *develop an inventory of existing and poten-*
21 *tial recreational sites which are developed or which*
22 *could be developed within the Corridor;*

23 (4) *recommend policies for resource management*
24 *which consider and detail application of appropriate*
25 *land and water management techniques, including*
26 *but not limited to, the development of intergovern-*

1 *mental cooperative agreements to protect the Cor-*
2 *ridor's historical, cultural, recreational, scenic, and*
3 *natural resources in a manner consistent with sup-*
4 *porting appropriate and compatible economic revital-*
5 *ization efforts:*

6 *(5) detail ways in which local, State, and Fed-*
7 *eral programs may best be coordinated to promote the*
8 *purposes of this title; and*

9 *(6) contain a program for implementation of the*
10 *plan by the State and its political subdivisions.*

11 *(b) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PLAN DEVELOPMENT.—*
12 *During development of the Plan, the Governor is encouraged*
13 *to include:*

14 *(1) the participation of at least the following:*

15 *(A) local elected officials in the communities*
16 *defined in section 104;*

17 *(B) representatives of the three Regional*
18 *Planning Agencies defined in section 108;*

19 *(C) representatives of Northeast Connecticut*
20 *Visitors District and Southeastern Connecticut*
21 *Tourism District;*

22 *(D) the Commissioners, or their designees,*
23 *of the Connecticut Department of Environmental*
24 *Protection and the Connecticut Department of*
25 *Economic Development;*

1 (E) Director, or his designee of the Con-
2 necticut State Historical Commission; and

3 (F) residents of the communities within the
4 Corridor as defined in section 104.

5 (2) hold at least one public hearing in each of
6 the following counties: Windham; Tolland, and New
7 London; and

8 (3) consider, to the maximum extent practicable,
9 the recommendations, comments, proposals and other
10 information submitted at the public hearings when
11 developing the final version of the plan. The Governor
12 is encouraged to publish notice of hearings discussed
13 in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph in newspapers
14 of general circulation at least 30 days prior to the
15 hearing date. The Governor is encouraged to use any
16 other means authorized by Connecticut law to gather
17 public input and/or involve members of the public in
18 the development of the plan.

19 (c) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—After review of the
20 plan by the Secretary as provided for in section 106, the
21 Governor shall implement the plan. Upon the request of the
22 Governor, the Secretary may take appropriate steps to as-
23 sist in the preservation and interpretation of historic re-
24 sources, and to assist in the development of recreational re-

1 *sources within the Corridor. These steps may include, but*
2 *need not be limited to—*

3 (1) *assisting the State and local governmental*
4 *entities or regional planning organizations, and non-*
5 *profit organizations in preserving the Corridor and*
6 *ensuring appropriate use of lands and structures*
7 *throughout the Corridor;*

8 (2) *assisting the State and local governmental*
9 *entities or regional planning organizations, and non-*
10 *profit organizations in establishing and maintaining*
11 *visitor centers and other interpretive exhibits in the*
12 *Corridor;*

13 (3) *assisting the State and local governmental*
14 *entities or regional planning organizations, and non-*
15 *profit organizations in developing recreational pro-*
16 *grams and resources in the Corridor;*

17 (4) *assisting the State and local governmental*
18 *entities or regional planning organizations, and non-*
19 *profit organizations in increasing public awareness of*
20 *and appreciation for the historical and architectural*
21 *resources and sites in the Corridor;*

22 (5) *assisting the State and local governmental or*
23 *regional planning organizations and nonprofit orga-*
24 *nizations in the restoration of historic buildings with-*

1 *in the Corridor identified pursuant to the inventory*
2 *required in section 5(a)(1);*

3 *(6) encouraging by appropriate means enhanced*
4 *economic and industrial development in the Corridor*
5 *consistent with the goals of the plan;*

6 *(7) encouraging local governments to adopt land*
7 *use policies consistent with the management of the*
8 *Corridor and the goals of the plan; and*

9 *(8) assisting the State and local governmental*
10 *entities or regional planning organizations to ensure*
11 *that clear, consistent signs identifying access points*
12 *and sites of interest are put in place throughout the*
13 *Corridor.*

14 **SEC. 106. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

15 *(a) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary and the heads of*
16 *other Federal Agencies shall, upon request of the Governor*
17 *assist the Governor in the preparation and implementation*
18 *of the plan.*

19 *(b) COMPLETION.—Upon completion of the plan the*
20 *Governor shall submit such plan to the Secretary for review*
21 *and comment. The Secretary shall complete such review and*
22 *comment within 60 days. The Governor shall make such*
23 *changes in the plan as he deems appropriate based on the*
24 *Secretary's review and comment.*

1 **SEC. 107. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

2 Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities
3 directly affecting the Corridor shall consult with the Sec-
4 retary and the Governor with respect to such activities to
5 minimize any adverse effect on the Corridor.

6 **SEC. 108. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this title:

8 (1) The term “State” means the State of Con-
9 necticut.

10 (2) The term “Corridor” means the Quinebaug
11 and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Cor-
12 ridor under section 103.

13 (3) The term “Governor” means the Governor of
14 the State of Connecticut.

15 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of
16 the Interior.

17 (5) The term “regional planning organization”
18 means each of the three regional planning organiza-
19 tions established by Connecticut State statute chapter
20 127 and chapter 50 (the Northeastern Connecticut
21 Council of Governments, the Windham Regional
22 Planning Agency or its successor, and the Southeast-
23 ern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency or its suc-
24 cessor).

1 **SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
3 *may be necessary to carry out this title: Provided, That not*
4 *more than \$200,000 shall be appropriated for fiscal year*
5 *1995, and not more than \$250,000 annually thereafter shall*
6 *be appropriated for the Secretary to carry out his duties*
7 *under this title for a period not to exceed seven years: Pro-*
8 *vided further, That the Federal funding for the Corridor*
9 *shall not exceed 50 percent of the total annual costs for the*
10 *Corridor.*

11 **SEC. 110. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

12 *The Corridor shall not be deemed to be a unit of the*
13 *National Park System.*

14 **TITLE II—WEIR FARM NATIONAL**
15 **HISTORIC SITE ADDITIONS.**

16 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

17 *This title may be cited as the “Weir Farm National*
18 *Historic Site Expansion Act of 1994”.*

19 **SEC. 202. PURPOSE.**

20 *The purpose of this title is to preserve the last remain-*
21 *ing undeveloped parcels of the historic Weir Farm that re-*
22 *main in private ownership by including the parcels within*
23 *the boundary of the Weir Farm National Historic Site.*

1 **SEC. 203. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

2 (a) *ADJUSTMENT.*—Section 4(b) of the Weir Farm Na-
3 tional Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 (Public Law
4 101–485; 104 Stat. 1171) is amended—

5 (1) by striking out “and” at the end of para-
6 graph (1);

7 (2) by striking out the flush material below
8 paragraph (2); and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) the approximately 2-acre parcel of
11 land situated in the town of Wilton, Connecticut,
12 designated as lot 18 on a map entitled ‘Revised
13 Map of Section I, Thunder Lake at Wilton, Con-
14 necticut, Scale 1’ = 100’, October 27, 1978,
15 Ryan and Faulds Land Surveyors, Wilton, Con-
16 necticut’, that is on file in the office of the town
17 clerk of the town of Wilton, and therein num-
18 bered 3673; and

19 “(4) the approximately 0.9-acre western
20 portion of a parcel of land situated in the town
21 of Wilton, Connecticut, designated as Tall Oaks
22 Road on the map referred to in paragraph (3).”.

23 (b) *GENERAL DEPICTION.*—Section 4 of such Act, as
24 amended by subsection (a), is further amended by adding
25 at the end the following:

1 “(c) *GENERAL DEPICTION.*—The parcels referred to in
2 paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (b) are all as gen-
3 erally depicted on a map entitled “Boundary Map, Weir
4 Farm National Historic Site, Fairfield County Connecti-
5 cut”, dated June, 1994. Such map shall be on file and
6 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of
7 the National Park Service.”.

8 ***TITLE III—CANE RIVER CREOLE***
9 ***NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.***

10 ***SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.***

11 Titles III and IV of this Act may be cited as the “Cane
12 River Creole National Historical Park and National Herit-
13 age Area Act”.

14 ***SEC. 302. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.***

15 (a) *FINDINGS.*—The Congress finds that—

16 (1) the Natchitoches area along Cane River, es-
17 tablished in 1714, is the oldest permanent settlement
18 in the Louisiana Purchase territory;

19 (2) the Cane River area is the locale of the devel-
20 opment of Creole culture, from French-Spanish inter-
21 actions of the early 18th century to today’s living
22 communities;

23 (3) the Cane River, historically a segment of the
24 Red River, provided the focal point for early settle-
25 ment, serving as a transportation route upon which

1 *commerce and communication reached all parts of the*
2 *colony;*

3 *(4) although a number of Creole structures, sites,*
4 *and landscapes exist in Louisiana and elsewhere, un-*
5 *like the Cane River area, most are isolated examples,*
6 *and lack original outbuilding complexes or integrity;*

7 *(5) the Cane River area includes a great variety*
8 *of historical features with original elements in both*
9 *rural and urban settings and a cultural landscape*
10 *that represents various aspects of Creole culture, pro-*
11 *viding the base for a holistic approach to understand-*
12 *ing the broad continuum of history within the region;*

13 *(6) the Cane River region includes the*
14 *Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District,*
15 *composed of approximately 300 publicly and pri-*
16 *vately owned properties, four other national historic*
17 *landmarks, and other structures and sites that may*
18 *meet criteria for landmark significance following fur-*
19 *ther study;*

20 *(7) historic preservation within the Cane River*
21 *area has greatly benefitted from individuals and or-*
22 *ganizations that have strived to protect their heritage*
23 *and educate others about their rich history; and*

24 *(8) because of the complexity and magnitude of*
25 *preservation needs in the Cane River area, and the*

1 *vital need for a culturally sensitive approach, a part-*
2 *nership approach is desirable for addressing the*
3 *many preservation and educational needs.*

4 *(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of titles III and IV of*
5 *this Act are to—*

6 *(1) recognize the importance of the Cane River*
7 *Creole culture as a nationally significant element of*
8 *the cultural heritage of the United States;*

9 *(2) establish a Cane River Creole National His-*
10 *torical Park to serve as the focus of interpretive and*
11 *educational programs on the history of the Cane*
12 *River area and to assist in the preservation of certain*
13 *historic sites along the river; and*

14 *(3) establish a Cane River National Heritage*
15 *Area and Commission to be undertaken in partner-*
16 *ship with the State of Louisiana, the City of*
17 *Natchitoches, local communities and settlements of the*
18 *Cane River area, preservation organizations, and pri-*
19 *vate landowners, with full recognition that programs*
20 *must fully involve the local communities and land-*
21 *owners.*

22 **SEC. 303. ESTABLISHMENT OF CANE RIVER CREOLE NA-**
23 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

24 *(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to assist in the preserva-*
25 *tion and interpretation of, and education concerning, the*

1 *Creole culture and diverse history of the Natchitoches re-*
2 *gion, and to provide technical assistance to a broad range*
3 *of public and private landowners and preservation organi-*
4 *zations, there is hereby established the Cane River Creole*
5 *National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana (herein-*
6 *after in titles III and IV of this Act referred to as the “his-*
7 *torical park”).*

8 (b) *AREA INCLUDED.—The historical park shall con-*
9 *sist of lands and interests therein as follows:*

10 (1) *Lands and structures associated with the*
11 *Oakland Plantation as depicted on map CARI,*
12 *80,002, dated January 1994.*

13 (2) *Lands and structures owned or acquired by*
14 *Museum Contents, Inc. as depicted on map CARI,*
15 *80,001A, dated May 1994.*

16 (3) *Sites that may be the subject of cooperative*
17 *agreements with the National Park Service for the*
18 *purposes of historic preservation and interpretation*
19 *including, but not limited to, the Melrose Plantation,*
20 *the Badin-Roque site, the Cherokee Plantation, the*
21 *Beau Fort Plantation, and sites within the*
22 *Natchitoches National Historical Landmark District:*
23 *Provided, That such sites may not be added to the*
24 *historical park unless the Secretary of the Interior*
25 *(hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) deter-*

1 *mines, based on further research and planning, that*
2 *such sites meet the applicable criteria for national*
3 *historical significance, suitability, and feasibility,*
4 *and notification of the proposed addition has been*
5 *transmitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural*
6 *Resources of the United States Senate and the appro-*
7 *priate committees of the House of Representatives.*

8 *(4) Not to exceed 10 acres of land that the Sec-*
9 *retary may designate for an interpretive visitor cen-*
10 *ter complex to serve the needs of the historical park*
11 *and heritage area established in title IV of this Act.*

12 **SEC. 304. ADMINISTRATION.**

13 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the*
14 *historical park in accordance with this title and with provi-*
15 *sions of law generally applicable to units of the National*
16 *Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act to estab-*
17 *lish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-*
18 *proved August 25, 1935 (49 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4);*
19 *and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C.*
20 *461–467). The Secretary shall manage the historical park*
21 *in such a manner as will preserve resources and cultural*
22 *landscapes relating to the Creole culture of the Cane River*
23 *and enhance public understanding of the important cul-*
24 *tural heritage of the Cane River region.*

1 (b) *DONATIONS.*—*The Secretary may accept and re-*
2 *tain donations of funds, property, or services from individ-*
3 *uals, foundations, or other public or private entities for the*
4 *purposes of providing programs, services, facilities, or tech-*
5 *nical assistance that further the purposes of titles III and*
6 *IV of this Act. Any funds donated to the Secretary pursuant*
7 *to this subsection may be expended without further appro-*
8 *priation.*

9 (c) *INTERPRETIVE CENTER.*—*The Secretary is author-*
10 *ized to construct, operate, and maintain an interpretive*
11 *center on lands identified by the Secretary pursuant to sec-*
12 *tion 303(b)(4). Such center shall provide for the general in-*
13 *formation and orientation needs of the historical park and*
14 *the heritage area. The Secretary shall consult with the State*
15 *of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, the Association for*
16 *the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches, and the Cane*
17 *River National Heritage Area Commission pursuant to sec-*
18 *tion 402 of this Act in the planning and development of*
19 *the interpretive center.*

20 (d) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND TECHNICAL AS-*
21 *SISTANCE.*—(1) *The Secretary, after consultation with the*
22 *Cane River National Heritage Area Commission established*
23 *pursuant to section 402 of this Act, is authorized to enter*
24 *into cooperative agreements with owners of properties with-*
25 *in the heritage area and owners of properties within the*

1 *historical park that provide important educational and in-*
2 *terpretive opportunities relating to the heritage of the Cane*
3 *River region. The Secretary may also enter into cooperative*
4 *agreements for the purpose of facilitating the preservation*
5 *of important historic sites and structures identified in the*
6 *historical park's general management plan or other heritage*
7 *elements related to the heritage of the Cane River region.*
8 *Such cooperative agreements shall specify that the National*
9 *Park Service shall have reasonable rights of access for oper-*
10 *ational and visitor use needs and that preservation treat-*
11 *ments will meet the Secretary's standards for rehabilitation*
12 *of historic buildings.*

13 (2) *The Secretary is authorized to enter into coopera-*
14 *tive agreements with the City of Natchitoches, the State of*
15 *Louisiana, and other public or private organizations for*
16 *the development of the interpretive center, educational pro-*
17 *grams, and other materials that will facilitate public use*
18 *of the historical park and heritage area.*

19 (e) *RESEARCH.—The Secretary, acting through the*
20 *National Park Service, shall coordinate a comprehensive re-*
21 *search program on the complex history of the Cane River*
22 *region, including ethnography studies of the living commu-*
23 *nities along the Cane River, and how past and present gen-*
24 *erations have adapted to their environment, including gene-*
25 *alogical studies of families within the Cane River area. Re-*

1 *search shall include, but not be limited to, the extensive pri-*
2 *mary historic documents within the Natchitoches and Cane*
3 *River areas, and curation methods for their care and exhi-*
4 *bition. The research program shall be coordinated with*
5 *Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and the Na-*
6 *tional Center for Preservation Technology and Training in*
7 *Natchitoches.*

8 ***SEC. 305. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.***

9 (a) *GENERAL AUTHORITY.*—Except as otherwise pro-
10 *vided in this section, the Secretary is authorized to acquire*
11 *lands and interests therein within the boundaries of the his-*
12 *torical park by donation, purchase with donated or appro-*
13 *priated funds, or exchange.*

14 (b) *STATE AND LOCAL PROPERTIES.*—Lands and in-
15 *terests therein that are owned by the State of Louisiana,*
16 *or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only*
17 *by donation or exchange.*

18 (c) *MUSEUM CONTENTS, INC.*—Lands and structures
19 *identified in section 303(b)(2) may be acquired only by do-*
20 *nation.*

21 (d) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT SITES.*—Lands and
22 *interests therein that are the subject of cooperative agree-*
23 *ments pursuant to section 303(b)(3) shall not be acquired*
24 *except with the consent of the owner thereof.*

1 **SEC. 306. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 *Within 3 years after the date funds are made available*
3 *therefor and in consultation with the Cane River Heritage*
4 *Area Commission, the National Park Service shall prepare*
5 *a general management plan for the historical park. The*
6 *plan shall include but need not be limited to—*

7 *(1) a visitor use plan indicating programs and*
8 *facilities that will be provided for public use, includ-*
9 *ing the location and cost of an interpretive center;*

10 *(2) programs and management actions that the*
11 *National Park Service will undertake cooperatively*
12 *with the heritage area commission, including preser-*
13 *vation treatments for important sites, structures, ob-*
14 *jects, and research materials. Planning shall address*
15 *educational media, roadway signing, and brochures*
16 *that could be coordinated with the Commission pursu-*
17 *ant to section 403 of this Act; and*

18 *(3) preservation and use plans for any sites and*
19 *structures that are identified for National Park Serv-*
20 *ice involvement through cooperative agreements.*

**TITLE IV—CANE RIVER
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

**SEC. 401. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANE RIVER NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA.**

(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—There is hereby established the Cane River National Heritage Area (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “heritage area”).

(b) *PURPOSE.*—In furtherance of the need to recognize the value and importance of the Cane River region and in recognition of the findings of section 302(a) of this Act, it is the purpose of this title to establish a heritage area to complement the historical park and to provide for a culturally sensitive approach to the preservation of the heritage of the Cane River region, and for other needs including—

(1) recognizing areas important to the Nation’s heritage and identity;

(2) assisting in the preservation and enhancement of the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region;

(3) providing a framework for those who live within this important dynamic cultural landscape to assist in preservation and educational actions; and

(4) minimizing the need for Federal land acquisition and management.

1 (c) *AREA INCLUDED.*—*The heritage area shall in-*
2 *clude—*

3 (1) *an area approximately 1 mile on both sides*
4 *of the Cane River as depicted on map CARI,*
5 *80,000A, dated May 1994;*

6 (2) *those properties within the Natchitoches Na-*
7 *tional Historic Landmark District which are the sub-*
8 *ject of cooperative agreements pursuant to section*
9 *304(d) of this Act;*

10 (3) *the Los Adaes State Commemorative Area;*

11 (4) *the Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area;*

12 (5) *the Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Commemo-*
13 *rative Area; and*

14 (6) *the Kate Chopin House.*

15 *A final identification of all areas and sites to be included*
16 *in the heritage area shall be included in the heritage area*
17 *management plan as required in section 403.*

18 ***SEC. 402. CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA COMMIS-***
19 ***SION.***

20 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*To assist in implementing the*
21 *purposes of titles II and III of this Act and to provide guid-*
22 *ance for the management of the heritage area, there is estab-*
23 *lished the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission*
24 *(hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Commission”).*

1 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—*The Commission shall consist of*
2 *19 members to be appointed no later than 6 months after*
3 *the date of enactment of this title. The Commission shall*
4 *be appointed by the Secretary as follows—*

5 (1) *one member from recommendations submitted*
6 *by the Mayor of Natchitoches;*

7 (2) *one member from recommendations submitted*
8 *by the Association for the Preservation of Historic*
9 *Natchitoches;*

10 (3) *one member from recommendations submitted*
11 *by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc.;*

12 (4) *two members with experience in and knowl-*
13 *edge of tourism in the heritage area from rec-*
14 *ommendations submitted by the local business and*
15 *tourism organizations;*

16 (5) *one member from recommendations submitted*
17 *by the Governor of the State of Louisiana;*

18 (6) *one member from recommendations submitted*
19 *by the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish;*

20 (7) *one member from recommendations submitted*
21 *by the Concerned Citizens of Cloutierville;*

22 (8) *one member from recommendations submitted*
23 *by the St. Augustine Historical Society;*

24 (9) *one member from recommendations submitted*
25 *by the Black Heritage Committee;*

1 (10) one member from recommendations submit-
2 ted by the Los Ades/Robeline Community;

3 (11) one member from recommendations submit-
4 ted by the Natchitoches Historic District Commission;

5 (12) one member from recommendations submit-
6 ted by the Cane River Waterway Commission;

7 (13) two members who are landowners in and
8 residents of the heritage area;

9 (14) one member with experience and knowledge
10 of historic preservation from recommendations sub-
11 mitted by Museum Contents, Inc.;

12 (15) one member with experience and knowledge
13 of historic preservation from recommendations sub-
14 mitted by the President of Northwestern State Univer-
15 sity of Louisiana;

16 (16) one member with experience in and knowl-
17 edge of environmental, recreational and conservation
18 matters affecting the heritage area from recommenda-
19 tions submitted by the Natchitoches Sportsman Asso-
20 ciation and other local recreational and environ-
21 mental organizations; and

22 (17) the Director of the National Park Service,
23 or the Director's designee, *ex officio*.

24 (c) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—The Commission
25 shall—

1 (1) *prepare a management plan for the heritage*
2 *area in consultation with the National Park Service,*
3 *the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches,*
4 *Natchitoches Parish, interested groups, property own-*
5 *ers, and the public;*

6 (2) *consult with the Secretary on the preparation*
7 *of the general management plan for the historical*
8 *park;*

9 (3) *develop cooperative agreements with property*
10 *owners, preservation groups, educational groups, the*
11 *State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches, univer-*
12 *sities, and tourism groups, and other groups to fur-*
13 *ther the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act; and*

14 (4) *identify appropriate entities, such as a non-*
15 *profit corporation, that could be established to assume*
16 *the responsibilities of the Commission following its*
17 *termination.*

18 (d) *POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—In furtherance of*
19 *the purposes of titles III and IV of this Act, the Commission*
20 *is authorized to—*

21 (1) *procure temporary and intermittent services*
22 *to the same extent that is authorized by section*
23 *3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates de-*
24 *termined by the Commission to be reasonable;*

1 (2) accept the services of personnel detailed from
2 the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision
3 thereof, and may reimburse the State or political sub-
4 division for such services;

5 (3) upon the request of the Commission, the head
6 of any Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable
7 basis, any of the personnel of such agency to the Com-
8 mission to assist the Commission in carrying out its
9 duties;

10 (4) appoint and fix the compensation of such
11 staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties. Staff
12 shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5,
13 United States Code, governing appointments in the
14 competitive service, and shall be paid in accordance
15 with the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III
16 of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification
17 and General Schedule pay rates;

18 (5) enter into cooperative agreements with public
19 or private individuals or entities for research, historic
20 preservation, and education purposes;

21 (6) make grants to assist in the preparation of
22 studies that identify, preserve, and plan for the man-
23 agement of the heritage area;

24 (7) notwithstanding any other provision of law,
25 seek and accept donations of funds or services from

1 *individuals, foundations, or other public or private*
2 *entities and expend the same for the purposes of pro-*
3 *viding services and programs in furtherance of the*
4 *purposes of titles III and IV of this Act;*

5 *(8) assist others in developing educational, infor-*
6 *mational, and interpretive programs and facilities;*

7 *(9) hold such hearings, sit and act at such times*
8 *and places, take such testimony, and receive such evi-*
9 *dence, as the Commission may consider appropriate;*
10 *and*

11 *(10) use the United States mails in the same*
12 *manner and under the same conditions as other de-*
13 *partments or agencies of the United States.*

14 *(e) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission shall*
15 *receive no compensation for their service on the Commis-*
16 *sion. While away from their homes or regular places of busi-*
17 *ness in the performance of services for the Commission,*
18 *members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per*
19 *diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons*
20 *employed intermittently in the Government service are al-*
21 *lowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States*
22 *Code.*

23 *(f) CHAIRMAN.—The Commission shall elect a chair-*
24 *man from among its members. The term of the chairman*
25 *shall be for 3 years.*

1 (g) *TERMS.*—*The terms of Commission members shall*
2 *be for 3 years. Any member of the Commission appointed*
3 *by the Secretary for a 3-year term may serve after expira-*
4 *tion of his or her term until a successor is appointed. Any*
5 *vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the*
6 *original appointment was made. Any member appointed to*
7 *fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for*
8 *which the predecessor was appointed.*

9 (h) *ANNUAL REPORTS.*—*The Commission shall submit*
10 *an annual report to the Secretary identifying its expenses*
11 *and any income, the entities to which any grants or tech-*
12 *nical assistance were made during the year for which the*
13 *report is made, and actions that are planned for the follow-*
14 *ing year.*

15 **SEC. 403. PREPARATION OF THE PLAN.**

16 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Within 3 years after the Commis-*
17 *sion conducts its first meeting, it shall prepare and submit*
18 *a heritage area management plan to the Governor of the*
19 *State of Louisiana. The Governor shall, if the Governor ap-*
20 *proves the plan, submit it to the Secretary for review and*
21 *approval. The Secretary shall provide technical assistance*
22 *to the Commission in the preparation and implementation*
23 *of the plan, in concert with actions by the National Park*
24 *Service to prepare a general management plan for the his-*
25 *torical park. The plan shall consider local government plans*

1 *and shall present a unified heritage preservation and edu-*
2 *cation plan for the heritage area. The plan shall include,*
3 *but not be limited to—*

4 (1) *an inventory of important properties and*
5 *cultural landscapes that should be preserved, man-*
6 *aged, developed, and maintained because of their cul-*
7 *tural, natural, and public use significance;*

8 (2) *an analysis of current land uses within the*
9 *area and how they affect the goals of preservation and*
10 *public use of the heritage area;*

11 (3) *an interpretive plan to address the cultural*
12 *and natural history of the area, and actions to en-*
13 *hance visitor use. This element of the plan shall be*
14 *undertaken in consultation with the National Park*
15 *Service and visitor use plans for the historical park;*

16 (4) *recommendations for coordinating actions by*
17 *local, State, and Federal governments within the her-*
18 *itage area, to further the purposes of titles III and IV*
19 *of this Act; and*

20 (5) *an implementation program for the plan in-*
21 *cluding desired actions by State and local govern-*
22 *ments and other involved groups and entities.*

23 (b) *APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.—The Secretary shall ap-*
24 *prove or disapprove the plan within 90 days after receipt*
25 *of the plan from the Commission. The Commission shall*

1 *notify the Secretary of the status of approval by the Gov-*
2 *ernor of Louisiana when the plan is submitted for review*
3 *and approval. In determining whether or not to approve*
4 *the plan the Secretary shall consider—*

5 (1) *whether the Commission has afforded ade-*
6 *quate opportunity, including public meetings and*
7 *hearings, for public and governmental involvement in*
8 *the preparation of the plan; and*

9 (2) *whether reasonable assurances have been re-*
10 *ceived from the State and local governments that the*
11 *plan is supported and that the implementation pro-*
12 *gram is feasible.*

13 (c) *DISAPPROVAL OF THE PLAN.—If the Secretary dis-*
14 *approves the plan, he shall advise the Commission in writ-*
15 *ing of the reasons for disapproval, and shall provide rec-*
16 *ommendations and assistance in the revision of the plan.*
17 *Following completion of any revisions to the plan, the Com-*
18 *mission shall resubmit the plant to the Government or Lou-*
19 *isiana for approval, and to the Secretary, who shall ap-*
20 *prove or disapprove the plan within 90 days after the date*
21 *that the plan is revised.*

22 **SEC. 404. TERMINATION OF HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION.**

23 (a) *TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate*
24 *on the day occurring 10 years after the first official meeting*
25 *of the Commission.*

1 (b) *EXTENSION.*—*The Commission may petition to be*
2 *extended for a period of not more than 5 years beginning*
3 *on the day referred to in subsection (a), provided the Com-*
4 *mission determines a critical need to fulfill the purposes*
5 *of titles III and IV of this Act; and the Commission obtains*
6 *approval from the Secretary, in consultation with the Gov-*
7 *ernor of Louisiana.*

8 (c) *HERITAGE AREA MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING TER-*
9 *MINATION OF THE COMMISSION.*—*The national heritage*
10 *area status for the Cane River region shall continue follow-*
11 *ing the termination of the Commission. The management*
12 *plan, and partnerships and agreements subject to the plan*
13 *shall guide the future management of the heritage area. The*
14 *Commission, prior to its termination, shall recommend to*
15 *the Governor of the State of Louisiana and the Secretary,*
16 *appropriate entities, including the potential for a nonprofit*
17 *corporation, to assume the responsibilities of the Commis-*
18 *sion.*

19 **SEC. 405. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

20 *Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities*
21 *directly affecting the heritage area shall—*

22 (1) *consult with the Secretary and the Commis-*
23 *sion with respect to implementation of their proposed*
24 *actions; and*

1 (2) to the maximum extent practicable, coordi-
2 nate such activities with the Commission to minimize
3 potential impacts on the resources of the heritage
4 area.

5 **SEC. 406. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as
7 may be necessary to carry out titles III and IV of this Act.

Attest:

Secretary.

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